

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Southern) at Knoxville, Tenn.

FOURTH DAY—CONTINUED.
Monday, 20th May.—In the session of the afternoon the General Assembly considered the complaint of certain members of Louisville Presbytery against the action of the Synod of Kentucky in the case of Rev. J. W. Canfield. The complaint was sustained, and a committee appointed to bring in a paper expressing the meaning of this action.

FIFTH DAY.

Tuesday, May 21.—The Judicial Committee presented a report on the appeal of Rev. E. T. Baird from the action of the Synod of Virginia. The appellant had not appeared on the first or second day of the meeting of this judicial committee, according to the requirements of our Book, and the appeal, therefore, under this rule, is abandoned. The committee had not heard officially from Dr. Baird whether he was provisionally hindered; and, in order that he might still have an opportunity to appear, if this detained, the chairman of the Judicial Committee (Dr. Rice) moved, that the report be taken up if Dr. Baird should appear. Dr. Rice stated that private information had been received of the sickness of Dr. Baird, and this statement was corroborated by Judge Jones.

The report was laid on the table, to be taken up when intelligence or instructions from the appellant should require. The General Assembly proceeded to select the place of next meeting, 1879. Dr. Robinson nominated the Second Church, Louisville, Ky. There was no other nomination, and Louisville was chosen. Time, as usual, third Thursday in May.

Dr. Laev read the reports of the Standing Committees on Union and Columbia Seminars, warmly commending both these institutions and expressing pleasure at their progress, with a drawing caused by a falling off in the number of students at Union, which, though much larger than in former years, is not so large by eleven students as it was last year—a decline due probably to pecuniary difficulties in the land.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report, recommending answers respectively to the Christian salutations of the Methodist General Conference, at Atlanta, and to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America at Pittsburgh. These answers were in a strain of Christian and fraternal greeting, and were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Rumble presented the report of the Standing Committee on Education, embracing and recommending the work reported by the Executive Committee at Memphis. On a motion to adopt this report, Dr. Waddell, Secretary of Education, was invited to address the Assembly, which he did. Dr. Waddell showed that Lencienary education was becoming more popular, and was showing an improved condition in the finances of the committee and increasing usefulness in its important department—the assistance of young men who are pursuing their studies for the ministry.

Dr. Dabney delivered a brief but convincing argument in favor of beneficiary education, drawn from the lessons of experience as a teacher of such young men at the Seminary. He wished to turn these lessons against that prejudice existing against such education, which he showed to be essential to the supply of ministers, and did not in any degree destroy the manliness or otherwise injure the character of the young men who were aided. It was not wise to aid young men to the full measure of their wants, there must be a check, and that check must be the spirit of sacrifice. Dr. Dabney expressed his opinion that the churches will give more liberally when they knew the men.

The unfinished business, the minority report of Rev. S. T. Martin on the subject of aid to private Christian labor in their appropriate sphere to promote religion. The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported adversely to the overture from the Presbytery of Greenbrier on the subject of placing ruling elders in the moderator's chair.

Rev. W. E. Hill, of Greenbrier Presbytery, addressed the Assembly earnestly in favor of the desired change. He spoke till the arrival of 12:15 P. M.—the time for devotional exercises—and resumed his address on the Assembly convening at 3 P. M. He was followed by Rev. Bullock on the other side, and then Ruling Elder Shields, of Washington, D. C., inquired whether a ruling elder had not been elected to preside over the Synod of Virginia at Winchester. It was replied that he was invited to take the position, but declined. The latter moderator, Mr. Martin, Dr. Preston expressed his regret that Brother Hill and the brethren who held his view were opposed by the Constitution. The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures was adopted.

[By Telegraph.]
KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 22.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly South this morning, Dr. B. T. Lacy was appointed principal delegate to the next meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church. The report concerning the Reformed Institute, at Tusculum, and suggesting measures for its interests and progress, was adopted.

CONGRESSIONAL EXCURSION TO PARIS.—Washington, May 21.—Arrangements are in progress for a congressional excursion to the Exposition Universelle by the State Line Steamers, the party to be composed chiefly of members of Congress, with such of their families as may desire to accompany them.

We learn that John Robin McDaniel had had policies on his life to the extent of \$30,000, but, unfortunately, permitted all of it to be lost. His position as a Mason was the highest in the United States, but one, held by General Pike, of Arkansas, and which Mr. McDaniel would have been entitled to in the event of General Pike's death.

The Virginia Conference delegation makes its influence felt and acknowledged in the Methodist General Conference. How could it be otherwise with such men as Burnett, Sledd, Edwards, Blackwell, Peterson, and others composing it? It is probable that the Conference will adjourn about Friday, 24th inst.—Atlanta letter in Danville News.

On the 18th instant a shooting affair occurred at Fairmount between two brothers, Luther and James Watson. James struck Luther with a ball, and the latter, greatly incensed after a quarrel, fired at James, lodging a bullet in his shoulder. The wound is serious, and Luther has fled.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM THE OLD WORLD AND THE NEW.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE—HOPEFUL PROSPECTS FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN—THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION—SENATOR LAMAR'S SPEECH IN FAVOR OF THE TEXAS-PACIFIC ROAD—PILGRIM RACES AT CINCINNATI—RUSSIA ORDERING HEAVY ORDNANCE AT BOSTON—FATAL AFFRAY IN COLUMBIA GA.—RAID ON ILLICIT DISTILLERS IN SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA—COUNTERFEITERS SENTENCED—AFFAIRS IN THE EAST—PEACE PROSPECTS REPORTED MORE FAVORABLE—PACIFIC PROPOSALS FROM RUSSIA TO ENGLAND, &c., &c.

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WASHINGTON, May 22.—Mr. Carter Harrison (Democrat), of Chicago, threw a bombshell into the House to-day, offering a resolution giving the Potter committee authority to investigate Oregon and South Carolina, and declaring the title of Mr. Hayes to the presidency unconstitutional. He asked its consideration upon the ground that it was a question of privilege. Some Democrats scowled and others looked astonished, while the Republicans instantaneously improvised a half-dozen small caucuses, the largest of which was that around the seats of Messrs. Garfield and Hale. Your correspondent could see that Cox, of Ohio, was telling these two leaders that the Republicans ought to vote for the resolution, but that they were taking the opposite ground. The Speaker (Mr. Saylor) commanded and enforced order, and submitted it to the House to decide whether the resolution was a question of privilege. None of the Republicans voted except Messrs. Cox, of Ohio, and Kelley, of Pennsylvania, who voted "Aye." A large number of the Democrats, however, including the Virginia members, voted "Aye," the vote standing—ayes, 71; noes, 50. Here Mr. Harrison got the floor, and said: "Not desiring to obstruct business, and the Republicans having failed to vote, I withdraw my resolution." This excited confusion and noisy comment on the Republican side, and gave evident relief to the Democrats.

Mr. Wilson's Resolution Adopted.
Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, now offered the resolution which he proposed in caucus the other day, and which was published in my dispatches. It provides that the Potter committee, if in its judgment there is probable cause to believe that frauds exist in other States, may proceed also to investigate them. This, too, was offered as a question of privilege. Mr. Cox, of New York, quickly moved to refer it to the select committee, and demanded the previous question. It was evident from the conduct of Democratic members that they regarded this motion as a mistake, and Mr. Cox very speedily saw it himself and wanted to withdraw it. The Republicans objected, when he said he hoped his motion would not prevail. The motion was lost—ayes, 87; noes, 115—all the Virginia members voting "No."

Mr. Wilson's resolution then passed, with but one dissenting vote, and that was on the Republican side. It must have been evident to the Republicans that they made a grave mistake in not voting against the Harrison resolution, and that it would have been better to have followed Cox of Ohio than Garfield. The fact that they had voted that Potter's resolution was not a question of privilege, their best men now admit did not compel them to vote the same way on Harrison's resolution. Both sides seemed gratified as well as surprised that these resolutions, which at first promised another angry and bitter contest, were so easily disposed of.

WHAT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE WILL DO.
The National Democratic Committee met here to-day at noon, when there were only twenty-four members present, including Hon. Robert A. Coghill, of Virginia. The committee, because of the number of absentees, adjourned without transacting any business, until to-morrow. From all I hear I think it will not only endorse the action of the House in passing the Potter resolution, but will declare that the Democratic party has no idea of attempting to interfere with the title of Mr. Hayes to the presidency.

A REPUBLICAN CONSUL-GENERAL TO BE IMPEACHED.
Mr. Springer, of Illinois, informed the House to-day that the Committee on the Expenditures of the State Department had agreed upon a resolution for impeaching O. B. Bradford, United States Consul-General at Shanghai, China, for high crimes and misdemeanors; but inasmuch as two members of the committee doubted whether Bradford was such an officer of the Government as could be impeached at the bar of the Senate, it had been thought best to refer the matter to the House Judiciary Committee, with the request that an early report on the case may be made. No allusion was made to Minister Seward, against whom there are grave charges, and who has been ordered home to answer them.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.
The majority of congressmen think that Congress will adjourn by the 25th of June, but the old stalgers about the Capitol say it will be here in July. To-day Mr. Hewitt, of New York, in the House, remarked that if members expected to adjourn Congress by the 10th of June, they would have to hurry with the appropriation bills, when Mr. Dummell, of Minnesota, replied, "We don't expect to get away by that time." The resolution for a sine die adjournment on the 10th of June will be considered by the House May 29th.

SENATOR LAMAR'S SPEECH IN FAVOR OF THE TEXAS-PACIFIC.
There was a large crowd in the Senate chamber to-day to hear Mr. Lamar in advocacy of the Texas-Pacific bill, and Mr. Huntington and other prominent opponents of the scheme had seats in the galleries. The effort was that of a statesman who, in spite of the blunders he very now and then makes, is one of the foremost of the representatives of the South in Congress. He said the arrangement was before the war that three roads to the Pacific should be constructed. Two of these—the Union and Central—benefiting the North, have been built by the bounty of the Government, and now it remains to go justice to the South, and build the Texas-Pacific. At present, the South has no direct line to the Pacific coast, and has to reach it by an expensive and circuitous route. Nor has the South benefited by the construction of the two northern lines in any perceptible degree. Mr. Lamar demonstrated very clearly that if the Government should grant the aid asked to build the Texas-Pacific it will never be called upon to pay a cent of its guarantee. But, he said, even if the Government had to pay \$2,000,000 annually for this road it would be repaid two or three times over in mail-service, transportation of troops, supplies, &c., and in the reduction of the number of soldiers now necessary for frontier defence. He showed that it was constitutional and not in conflict with States' rights—reading an able letter from ex-Senator Hunter, of Virginia, who strongly advocates the immediate construction of this road with the aid of the General Government. Mr. Lamar spoke of the advantages it offered on account of climate and shortness of distance, and predicted that it will stimulate the manufacture by the South of its staples and open for them a vast market in Japan, China, and South America. At the close of the speech Mr. Lamar was warmly congratulated by senators and members of the House who were in the Senate chamber to hear him.

THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL.
After a set speech by Mr. Schleicher, of Texas, the general debate closed. A discussion under the five-minute rule lasted until the recess at half-past 4. All the Republicans advocated an increase of the army to 25,000, and all of the Democrats, except Messrs. Mills, Throsmorton, and Schleicher, of Texas, the committee's recommendation of 20,000. The consideration of the bill was not continued to-night, but will be resumed to-morrow.

RETURN OF THE WASHINGTON TEMPLARS, &c.
The Washington Knights Templar arrived without accident to-night, highly pleased with their trip to Richmond. They were escorted from the depot by Company A, and as they passed up Pennsylvania avenue their route was illuminated brilliantly by rockets and other fireworks. Hundreds of persons thronged the sidewalks or followed the procession.

BRIEF ITEMS.
Secretaries Sherman and Thompson were on the floor of the Senate to-day. The President left for the Hampton Normal school this evening. Senator Dawes has been called home by the death of his mother. During the army debate to-day Mr. Southard made a telling speech on sending troops to South Carolina at the last election.

Secretary Sherman daily denies that he did anything wrong in connection with the Louisiana vote, and he says the result of the investigation will show that some newspapers have told big lies about him. He said in this substance to-day at the Capitol. Judge Alfred Morton stood solitary and serious in the lobby of the House to-day.

The confirmation of Packard and Sheridan to-day looks as if the Republicans in the Senate were united.

General Butler's bill to establish a Government gazette at Washington, so as to concentrate the public advertising here, passed the House to-night. Judge Harris spoke against it.

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[Associated Press Reports by Telegraph to the Dispatch.]
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PITTSBURGH, May 22.—The Convention was called to order by Captain McClellan, chairman of the State committee, and opened with prayer by the Rev. J. H. Spear, of Allegheny. Mr. Milton Spear is temporary chairman. The usual committees were appointed and the Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock.

The credentials committee not being ready to report, the Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Georgia.
KILLED BY HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.
COLUMBUS, May 22.—A personal difficulty occurred to-day at 1 o'clock P. M. at the residence of Dr. J. J. Cook, of this city, in which Dr. Cook was shot and killed. There were no witnesses to the affair. Cook was intoxicated. Martin claims to have done the deed in self-defense, and at once surrendered himself, but he is allowed his liberty.

Methodist General Conference.
ATLANTA, GA., May 22.—To-day the General Conference adopted a report on the Nashville Publishing House, looking to the payment of all its debts and its continuance. At noon the Conference received most cordially Rev. Wesley Gaines and Rev. W. D. Johnson, fraternal messengers from the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who were in the city for the purpose of attending the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church.

The Secretary of the Treasury has called in five millions of the bonds of 1865. Interest ceases on the 22d of August.

The electoral-fraud investigating committee has been organized for business on Friday. The Democratic members had a long consultation to-day.

American Arms for Russia.
BOSTON, May 22.—The Russian Government, through its agent, Captain Gripenberg, has opened negotiations with the South Boston Iron Company for the manufacture of heavy ordnance, and a special price-list, with full particulars as to capacity of works as at present run or under the highest pressure, has been submitted at the request of the Russian agent.

The Pimlico Races.
BALTIMORE, May 22.—The first race, three fourths of a mile, was won by Garrick; second race, one and a quarter miles, was won by Judith; third race, one mile (all ages), was won by Juvenal.

The fourth race, handicap, one and one eighth miles, for all ages, was won by Doswell's Bushwhacker, with Viceroy second and Oriole third—time, 2:30.

The mile-heats race for all ages was won by Mechanic in two straight heats—time, 1:45, 1:47.

Seizure of Liquor Houses.
CINCINNATI, May 22.—Chris. Keyser's distillery, running 350 barrels of grain a day, and cheating the revenue, was raided to-day by United States officers, and the whole sale liquor house of John Iser, at Sedalsville, a suburb of this city, were to-day seized by United States internal revenue officers.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.
England.
NO FEARS FROM ALABAMAS OR FENIANS.
LONDON, May 22.—To-day's Times, in an editorial on Sir John Holker's reply to Mr. Gourlay in the House of Commons last evening, expressing the opinion that the Fenians have no reason to fear from Alabamas or Fen